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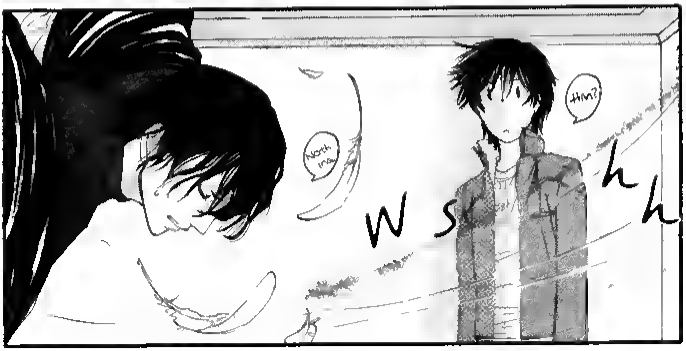
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DEAN?
I... DIOT...


HM?
WOW! YOU
W s h h

THIS IS THE ENEMY'S NEST
I KNOW, IT'S CRAMMED FULL WITH MANIFIS
I'M FINE, SO...
CLANK
IT'S NOT JUST YOU,
I THINK THEY'VE CALIGHT LYS AS WELL
CHURCH
CHURCH
LYS...?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
SHE'S SOME-WHERE ON THIS FLOOR
FOR THE TIME BEING, LET'S GET THIS OFF.
KIO?
SKY...?
EH...?
SKY'S...
SKY...
Oh

HERE'S ANOTHER ...
ANGEL WITH A RARE COLOR.

Hkyshi
THIS SOUND
SLAM

Thunk
YOU FLY WELL SINCE YOU'RE SO LIGHT
Sss t
I DIDN'T FEEL HIS PRES-ENCE ...
IT'S THE SAME AS BACK THEN ...WHO THE HELL ...?
SKY'S BODY TEMPERA-TURE IS DROPPING
IF NOBODY TENDS TO HIM
SLITHER

IF HE GETS CAUGHT, HE'LL END UP LIKE ME
KIO_
Kwsh
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

DEAN, I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU!
I'LL SAVE YOU NO MATTER WHAT. SO DON'T GIVE UP!

FWSH
Ok?
Rumble
Wsh

SWK SLASH
SWK SLASH
SWK SLASH
SWK SLASH
I MISSED ONE.
Slice
Stab

YOU LEFT ME BEHIND, YOU KNOW

I TOLD YOU I WOULD STAY WITH YOU.
YOU DECIDED THAT ON YOUR OWN —
AND YOU'RE STILL BEING SO RECK-LESS
FR... FRAW!?
Tap
NOBODY SAID WE HAD TO STAY TO-GETHER!
WASN'T I SUPPOSED TO BE THE ANGRY ONE HERE?
IT'S NOT A GOOD TIME TO QUARREL
SKY'S INJURIES ARE SE-RIOUS
AH...
I'LL TEND TO HIM.
YEAH —

KIO,
I DID IT!
BEFORE, I WAS ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE YOU TOLD
YOU HID SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING FROM ME OUT OF PITY
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE FURIOUS
THERE ARE NO BROKEN BONES AND THE WOUNDS HAVE CLOSED. HE JUST NEEDS TO REST AND HE'LL BE ALRIGHT
KIO?
Ah!
NO I WAS WONDERING... HOW'S SKY?
THAT WAS LIKE THE OLD DAYS

Rustle
Rustle
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!
Please!
Rustle
Rustle
AH!
Mew
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE YOU'VE PATTED MY HEAD!
DO IT AGAIN!
NO WAY!
WHAT'D HE GET CHEEERFUL FOR?
This guy!
SILK, I TOLD YOU TO BEHAVE YOURSELF
EH? ANTE, YOU CAN MOVE
I . . I THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE OKAY, NOW
WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE LOOK AFTER SKY FOR ME
SKY ...!?
THAT MEANS
YES,
DEAN HAS BEEN CAP-TURED

Grind
uwaa!
...WAS IT THANKS TO HIM?
I'VE REGAINED A LITTLE OF MY POWER.
KIO... WAS HE ABLE TO ESCAPE SAFELY?
SHIT...! MY POWER'S GONE AGAIN.
WHEN YOUR POWER COMES BACK THOSE BINDINGS STEAL IT TOO BAD
REGARDLESS THAT ANGEL JUST NOW WAS QUITE INTERESTING.
THE COLOR OF HIS WINGS TOO BUT HE WAS QUITE BOISTEROUS FOR AN ANGEL

DON'T GIVE UP!
SO THERE REALLY ARE ANGELS WILLING TO GO TO SUCH LENGTHS TO HELP OTHERS, EH?
Stumble
KIO, YOU AREN'T GOING TO REST?
YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF TO LEARN TECHNIQUES WE CAN'T DO YET.
BUT I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.
Z-Z-Gt
Z-Z-Gt
Clap
Snap
SHOULDN'T YOU LEARN HEALING TECHNIQUES FIRST, THOUGH?
FRAW IS STUDYING THOSE, SO I WANT TO LEARN ALL OF THIS

I WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY...

ALL OF IT —!?
THAT WOULD TAKE YOUR WHOLE LIFE!
ONE LIFETIME ISN'T EVEN ENOUGH!

DON'T SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO IT!

YOU'VE HURT YOURSELF AGAIN
YOU CAN LOOK AFTER HIM, FRAW
SEE YOU!

KIO!

Ah ha ha ha
IF YOU'RE JUST HERE TO MAKE FUN OF ME YOU CAN LEAVE!
AND TOMORROW YOU'LL BE DOZING OFF ALL DAY

I WONDER IF HE'LL REALLY COME BACK?
EVEN IF IT TAKES TIME, HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT HE SAYS HE WILL.
AFTER THAT, HE ACTUALLY DID MASTER THAT TECHNIQUE.
THAT GUY WILL NEVER GIVE UP
HE'LL COME

SLIDE
THE MANIFIS TOOK POSSESSION OF THE SOULS LEFT IN THE ANTIQUES IN THAT HOTEL AND NOW THEY'RE WANDERING AROUND
IF WE LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT, THEY'LL END UP CAUSING HARM TO THE PEOPLE INSIDE.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE, WE HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY UP
KIO!
Wait a second
Grab

AREN'T I ALWAYS GOING ALONG WITH FRAW, IN THE END?
FRAW
I'LL BE FINISHED QUICKLY
NO, IT'S NOT L THAT...
YOUR INJURIES
You're cut every-where
Let's get those healed
EH!
YEAH
YOU'RE STILL.. ANGRY?

WHAT... ARE YOU DOING?!
NOW THAT YOU'RE ONE OF THE SEVEN, YOU CAN'T KNEEL IN FRONT OF A MERE ANGEL!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
NO MATTER THE REASONS, I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU

He sat down
NO
NO
SO, YOU'RE NOT HIDING ANYTHING ELSE FOR SOME WEIRD REASON?
THEN YOU'LL STOP FOL-LOWING ME AROUND
I can't do
That
THAT'S SO SLY!
FRAW
I'M NOT FORGIV-ING YOU AFTER ALL!
KIO!
GO AND DO YOUR JOB AS ONE OF THE SEVEN!
I'M DOING IT!

I WANTED TO BECOME YOUR STRENGTH, KIO.
I TOLD YOU I DON'T NEED YOU!
KIO,
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN FIRST...
WAIT!
creak
THIS DISCUSSION IS OVER.
I...!

DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T BE HAPPY, KNOWING YOU'D BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN!?
KIO...
YOU KNOW I
I HATE LOSING. BUT THAT'S SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
I
I WANTED YOU TO BE THE FIRST TO KNOW, KIO.
...

I WANTED TO TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY,

BUT EVEN WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WAS AN OFFICER, YOU ALREADY STARTED TO DISTANCE YOURSELF.

SO, IF YOU FOUND OUT THAT I WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN, THEN I THOUGHT YOU'D . .

WHEN I WAS ANGRY WITH FRAU,

HE WOULD ALWAYS CLING TO ME, CRYING, UNTIL I'D FORGIVEN HIM.

EVEN THOUGH I WAS ANGRY, I NEVER ONCE HATED HIM. BUT HE

WAS ALWAYS AFRAID I WOULD, AND WORRIED OVER IT.

Tonk
IS HE REGRETTING THE ACTIONS HE TOOK AFTER I LEFT HIM IN THE ANGELS' WORLD?
YES, IT'S OBVIOUS, LOOKING AT HIM NOW
IF IT WASN'T FRAU,
WOULDN'T HURT SO MUCH.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
I GET IT.

KIO...
Ha ha ha
ONE OF THE SEVEN SHOULDN'T WEAR THAT EXPRESSION, YOU KNOW
IN FRONT OF YOU, I'M JUST A MERE ANGEL.
YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED INSIDE.
Yeah.

...ERR, MAYBE NOW'S NOT THE BEST TIME TO BE RELAXING.

WE'RE SUR-
ROUNDED
SHALL
WE
GO?
YEAH

Thud
Thud
Smash

YES
THANK YOU.
YOU CAN GO BACK TO HEAVEN NOW.
ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THAT TO EACH OF THEM?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? GETTING THEM TO GO BACK TO HEAVEN IS MY ORIGINAL MISSION, YOU KNOW
I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH ...
QUITE A LOT OF ANGELS ON MANY OCCASIONS ...

I WANTED TO BECOME KIO'S STRENGTH, SO I LEARNED A LOT OF TECHNIQUES...
AND I KEPT MYSELF AWAY FROM HIM UNTIL I WAS IN A POSITION THAT WOULD ALLOW ME TO STAY AT HIS SIDE
DURING THAT TIME,
I KEPT WONDERING IF KIO WOULD END UP CHANGING BY FIGHTING THE MANIFIS, BUT
BUT NONE THAT I SAW TREATED THE HUMAN SOULS AS GENTLY AS KIO DOES

WHEN I FINALLY MET HIM AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, KIO WAS STILL TALKING SO GENTLY WITH THE HUMAN SOULS.
I WAS SO HAPPY
YOU SUFFERED A LOT, BUT IT'S ALRIGHT NOW.
I WOULD DO ANY-THING
IF IT'S FOR KIO'S SAKE.

KIO!
<SFX SLAM>
Bite
I THINK WE'RE DONE WITH THIS FLOOR.
KIO, YOU SHOULD REST A LITTLE
THE MANIFIS WERE ALL AIMING FOR YOU
I'M NOT TIRED
KIO, WAIT
Swish

Sssst
Slide
WHAT ? MY BODY FEELS LIGHTER.
SO YOU WERE TIRED AFTER ALL
AH...
THAT'S ANOTHER METHOD FOR HEALING
Oh,?
THANKS
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING
ARE YOU TIRED, FRAW?

I CAN ALSO USE THAT TECHNIQUE ON MYSELF
I SEE
LET'S GO, KIO.
YEAH
THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS OF THEM UPSTAIRS
IT'S WEIRD
I CAN'T SENSE THE MANIFIS ANYMORE
Haaa
SWish

BOOM
FRAW!
slither
slither
slide
slither
THAT'S HIM!
THE ONE WHO CAPTURED DEAN

(SFX: SLITHER)
FIRST
SECOND
THIRD
FOURTH
METEOR EXPLO-SION!

SLASH
Huff
FIFTH STAR!
FAN!

Thunk
Thunk
Flap
Ss
St
THAT WAS HIS DOING
IT FEELS DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE MANIFIS UP TILL NOW

LYS.
LYS?
THIS FEATHER.
Flutter
Ewsh
Flutter
Clack
Clack
Clack
LYS?

LYS!
WAIT, KIO!
IT MIGHT BE A TRAP.
KIO.

I'LL GO
MAYBE, BUT STILL!
I UNDER-STAND
IF THAT GUY DID SET A TRAP, YOU CAN COVER ME
.NO FRAW. YOU STAY HERE
BE CARE-FUL
Flap

HAS SHE BEEN ROBBED OF HER POWER LIKE DEAN?
LYS...
HEY!
I HAVE TO CUT THIS OFF HER
SHOULD I USE A FEATHER TECHNIQUE?
Slide
!?

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[Hints to read this book]

- For those who already know a lot about angels, I advise you to forget what you know and read this
- There are no "demons", just "spirits"
- In the Angels' World
  - There is no night
  - There is no glass in the windows it never rains,
  - And therefore it never snows
  - But there are 4 seasons (however it's never too hot nor too cold)
  - Beds float like clouds
- When angels grow up, they're fine without much sleep. And they don't need to eat, either
- Humans can't see an angel's wings or feathers, but they can see their animals
- Ko's way of speaking was greatly influenced by

That's all for today!

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